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In re Application of
Donald C. Anderson
Application No. 10/611,303
Filed: October 20, 2003
For: Malodor Control Systems for
Toilets

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: DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition to make special filed that was originally filed on July 2, 2003. The petition to make special is based upon applicant's age, so there is no fee required. See 37 CFR 1.02(c).

The petition is granted.

A review of the petition shows that all of the requirements established in MPEP § 708.02(IV) for a petition based upon applicant's age have been satisfied by applicant's verified statement that he is more than 65 years of age; MPEP § 708.02(IV) does not require that applicant's statement be verified. Therefore, petitioner is entitled to have this application handled special in accordance with MPEP § 708.02, subsection styled "Handling of Petitions to Make Special".

Accordingly, the examiner will treat this application as special throughout its prosecution. Prior to the next action, the examiner will conduct a rigorous search for potentially interfering applications. The interference search will be brought up to date prior to each successive action.

The Supervisory Patent Examiner of Patent Examining Art Unit 3751 is being advised of the granting of the instant petition, and will in turn advise the examiner to whom the application is assigned of the special status of this application and the need for future action consistent with this Decision.

PETITION GRANTED.

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